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1 Courthouse Way – Suite 2300
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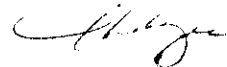
Re: In the Matter of the Arbitration Between Argonaut Insurance Company
and First State Insurance Company, USDC Case No. 05cv10184 RCL

Dear Sir or Madam:

On February 4, 2005, my office forwarded to you, via Federal Express, the original and two copies of the Declaration of Donald J. Buyck in the above-captioned matter, to be held with the remainder of the documents filed in this case. Please be advised that these documents are to be maintained under seal until such time as the Court has ruled on the Motion for Impoundment currently before it.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Very truly yours,



Theresa W. Hajost

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cc: Lloyd A. Gura, Esquire